

SCOPING REVIEW CONSULTANCY – MAY-JULY 2021

Position Description

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

The Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) is dedicated to improving the reproductive health of women, men and youth through a research-to-practice agenda. Our emphasis is on increasing access to and use of family planning, increasing fertility awareness through life-stage appropriate interventions, expanding access to fertility awareness-based family planning methods in an informed choice context, and developing scalable interventions to transform gender norms and catalyze the diffusion of social norms that support family planning. Cross-cutting themes in the Institute's work include the diffusion of social norms that support reproductive health, scale up of innovations, and incorporating gender perspectives in reproductive health. In partnership with a wide range of international and local organizations, IRH conducts research, builds capacity, and provides technical assistance to public and private-sector organizations in lower and middle-income countries and the U.S. The Institute is supported by grants from U.S. foundations and government agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

ABOUT THE PASSAGES PROJECT

The Passages project is a 7-year (2015-2022) initiative funded by USAID. Passages aims to address a broad range of social norms, at scale, to achieve sustained improvements in family planning and reproductive health. This research project is building the evidence base and contributing to the capacity of the global community to strengthen normative environments that support reproductive health, especially among very young adolescents, newly married youth, and first-time parents. Passages capitalizes on these formative life course transitions to test and scale up interventions that promote collective change and foster an enabling environment for healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies and family planning.

ABOUT THE CONSULTANCY

Passages' initial phases centered on establishing an evidence base, providing technical assistance, and building a network of partners and programs. As Passages enters its sixth year, global leadership and dissemination efforts will focus on information synthesis, knowledge sharing, and capacity building.

As part of this effort, we are conducting a review of evidence from norms-shifting interventions that benefit adolescents in low- and middle-income countries. Results from the evidence reviews will be analyzed based on relevant, existing frameworks (e.g., positive youth development, life course, attributes/features of social norms, normative continuum, etc.). The main products from this activity will be an online digital resource housing a series of digital evidence summaries for priority behaviors specific to target groups and more in-depth briefs distilling cross-cutting findings.

IRH is seeking an individual to support key aspects of this literature review. IRH has designed the research strategy, conducted the search, and reduced the articles according to review criteria. There remain 430 articles to be considered for various Passages-related products, including a series of digital evidence summaries for priority behaviors.

The consultant will work with others to review the remaining 430 articles—focusing on distilling the information from each article into a standardized, summary paragraph for each article. This will serve as an intermediate step to assist writers of digital evidence summaries. Each consultant will be responsible for summary write-ups for a portion of the articles

RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The consultant's tasks will include:

- Attending an initial meeting with the technical lead and other consultants to understand the task and organizational scheme
- Reviewing a portion of 430 abstracts/articles on Covidence software with a team of reviewers
- Writing up a summary paragraph for each article for which the consultant is responsible
- Participating with the scoping review team and writers to interpret results
- As needed, consulting, contributing to, and reviewing final digital fact sheet products

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Standardized (~1-2 paragraph) write-ups for each article for which the consultant is responsible (no more than 200 articles)
- As needed, develop/review digital fact sheets

QUALIFICATIONS

- A background and/or interest in gender and development

PLANNING, LOGISTICS, AND SUPPORT

IRH will provide the following support and information to the selected consultant:

- A designed initial research strategy, including research terms and databases.
- Summary excel spreadsheet of articles and/or articles in Covidence Review software
- A brief introduction to Covidence Review software
- Regular check-ins to answer questions and agree next steps to facilitate progress toward deliverables
- Review of deliverables

KEY CONTACTS

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SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

- Please submit a CV, cover letter, and daily/hourly rate to irhinfo@georgetown.edu, with "Scoping Review Consultancy – Last name, First name". Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.